

Dear Sirs/Madams of the FCC:

Pappas Telecasting Companies donation of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in California is extremely worrisome to me. I believe that this action by a media mogul is patently wrong. The public owns the airwaves. The airwaves are not one individual's property to give away to either political party. I see Pappas's position as a caretaker of the airwaves. I think he is confused about who the airwaves actually belong to. Please set him straight about this matter. He can certainly donate \$325,000 of his own money and let the Republican party buy its own media time.

I have joined a media watchdog group and intend to be an active member of this group long after the elections of 2004 are over. I value freedom of speech and freedom of the press as essential to our nation's democracy. I fear the American people are getting less and less of a diversity of opinion from these media conglomerates.

I implore you to use your agency to strengthen media ownership rules.

Thank you.

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